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PATENT ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 0052/036001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Nobuyoshi NAMBU et al. Art Unit: 1724

Application No.: 09/674,167 Examiner: Cintins, I.

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THE SAME, AND METHOD OF PURIFYING LIQUID USING

THE FILTER

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated October 5, 2004, applicants hereby submit the enclosed papers including an Amendment 37 CFR 1.111.

The required fees are calculated below:

TOTAL FEE DUE: \$0.00

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE THIS FEE AND ANY OTHER FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 19-2586, REFERENCING ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 0052/036001. THIS IS A GENERAL AUTHORIZATION EXCLUDING ONLY PAYMENT OF THE ISSUE FEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 20, 2004

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated October 5, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.